



Maryland

Weekly Crop and Weather Report

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OCTOBER 17, 2005

Wet Week Slows Harvesting Progress

Cloudy days with continued rain showers resulted in 1.8 **days suitable for field work** for the week ending October 16, 2005. The wet weather hampered harvesting progress for **soybeans, alfalfa** and **other hay**. Pastures greened up significantly from the rain. Most Maryland farmers received an average of one inch of rain last week with the southern areas of the state receiving in excess of 2 inches.

Farmers were finishing up **corn** harvest and making progress on soybean harvest. **Soybean** harvest was 29 percent complete, slightly above last year and the five-year average. Little progress was made on **alfalfa** and **other hay** harvest due to rainy weather. Farmers were finishing up their fourth cutting of **alfalfa hay** and some are making a fifth cutting. **Apple** harvest is wrapping up with 92 percent complete, up 9 percent from last week.

Pasture was rated in mostly fair condition while **hay supplies** were mostly adequate

MARYLAND'S CROP PROGRESS FOR WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 16, 2005 (PERCENT)

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	Average 2000-2004
Harvesting Progress:				
Apples	92	83	80	79
Corn for Grain	72	61	76	69
Soybeans	29	23	20	20
Planting Progress:				
Barley	64	60	62	61
Winter Wheat	32	29	35	29
Crop Progress:				
Soybeans Dropping Leaves	85	73	77	74
Hay Harvested:				
Alfalfa Hay 4 th Cutting	86	86	84	83
Other Hay 4 th Cutting	56	55	71	75

SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION FOR WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 16, 2005 (PERCENT)

Condition	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Topsoil Moisture	-	8	62	30
Topsoil (2004)	-	12	82	6
Five Year Average	2	18	75	5
Subsoil Moisture	-	12	69	19
Subsoil (2004)	2	6	86	6
Five Year Average	5	22	68	5

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WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 16, 2005

	Precipitation			Temperatures			
Weather Station	Total this week	Total Since Jan 1	Departure from Normal Since Jan 1	High	Low	Average	Departure from Normal
Maryland							
Baltimore/Washington Airport	0.6	41.46	8.88	77	48	62	5
Easton	1.12	38.14	2.74	77	52	62	3
Frederick	0.45	33.44	1.96	77	50	60	7
Frostburg	0.37	30.98	-6.82	66	45	55	5
Hagerstown	0.22	26.26	-4.57	74	48	60	4
Mechanicsville	2.35	34.8	-1.41	75	52	60	4
Patuxent River	0.88	33.8	-0.19	78	55	64	6
Ocean City	0.67	34.51	-1.72	78	50	64	7
Salisbury	0.39	40.07	3.22	77	47	62	5
Sharpsburg	0.79	31.44	-0.04	76	40	59	6
Washington, DC (Reagan National)	0.24	36.89	5.95	80	53	63	3
Delaware							
Dover	2.29	41.37	5.42	77	52	62	3
Georgetown	0.92	36.33	0.83	78	52	64	7
Wilmington	1.78	31.31	-1.41	77	52	62	5

Weather Data is provided by the Agricultural Weather Information Service, Auburn, Alabama and is considered preliminary.